



Fort Lowell Historic Zone Advisory Board  
Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 7:00PM  
San Pedro Chapel-Turner Building  
5230 East Fort Lowell Road  
Tucson, Arizona 85712

## **Legal Action Report/Meeting Minutes**

### **1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

A quorum was established 7: 06PM. Members present included Elaine Hill (Co-Chair), Christopher Jech (Co-Chair), Ronald Beckwith, Mary Lou Fragomeni-Nuttall and Carol Maywood.

Absent: Michael Bell and Colleen Sackheim.

Guests: Michael Taku (PDSD), Diana Alarca (TDOT)

### **2. Reviews**

- a. Department of Transportation invited – Traffic study data findings, options for historic zone  
Courtesy Review

Co-Chair Hill summarized the concerns of the board citing among other factors Neighborhood Land Use Plan, bond money, park restoration/rehabilitation and 2009 Master Plan. Co-Chair noted the board desire to meet with CM Paul Cunningham to discuss increased traffic impact in the neighborhood. Hill introduced invited guest, Diana Alarca, Director of Transportation (TDOT).

Director of Transportation (TDOT) discussed numerous overlap in maps and plans, various transportation modes and focused on “Move Tucson”, a mobility plan started January 2020. She emphasized movement today and in the future. A survey was conducted with the goal to capture 120, 000 people using different transportation modes. Another goal is a balance in transportation system that considers all modes, safety, efficiency and reliability. FLHPZ was chosen as a pilot project. The method so far was speed trailers to collect data; speed limit signs to reduce speeding with observation on weekday, peak periods and enforcement by TPD-all aim at reducing speed. She assured the board that Fort Lowell Road will be kept as a local road even as data shows an upgrade. Enforcement by TPD ticketed residents and led to anger in the community.

The board expressed concerns about commercial trucks and impacts on historic buildings and suggested limitation on the trucks on Fort Lowell

Road. The board argues that truck vibration destroys historic structures. Director promised to work with GPS, Google maps and Waze apps to limit re-routing trucks to the road. Director stated nationwide resistance from Fire Departments on some of the speed reduction methods and devices she will prefer to implement. She will support Historic Designation Signs, Monument Signs and Historic Landmark Signs that are designed to fit the uniform design standards. Director requested FLHZAB to send to her a draft design for signs location for review and approval for installation. Director stated there will be a quarterly review of all signs locations to determine effectiveness. In summary, she noted that safety concerns overrides historic district designations; data is the driving force in all transportation mode decisions and all downward trends are considered effective and safe for all citizens.

**3. Approval of Minutes:-January 28, 2020**

Motion to approve the minutes of January 28, 2020 was made by Mary Lou Fragomeni-Nuttall and seconded by Jech with a correction that "The Gregory School" not "Saint Gregory Catholic School". Motion passed unanimously.

**4. Board Member Updates**

Co-Chair will work on setting a meeting with Council Member Paul Cunningham without the need for a quorum. The aim of the meeting is to create a working relationship with the Council. Per Open Meeting Law, a quorum will require a public notice.

**5. FLHZAB Projects and Education Updates**

None

**6. Call to the audience**

None.

**7. Future Agenda Items-Information**

None

**8. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mary Lou Fragomeni-Nuttall and seconded by Jech. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8: 27PM.